



Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter today mourns the passing of Senator Edward M. Kennedy and released the following statement:

“Today marks a truly sad day in America. The passing of Senator Ted Kennedy is painful for all of us whom worked with him, admired him and witnessed his unmatched accomplishment during his nearly 50 years in the Senate. His unparalleled leadership in workers’ rights, the improvement of public education and caring for the middle and working class are landmarks that will stand forever.

“No one fought harder to make health care for all Americans a reality and I intend to work even harder this year to help us achieve that goal.

“I worked with Senator Kennedy for 13 years to pass the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act and he carried it the last 5 years in the Senate. He called it the first civil rights legislation of the 21st century and he was right. His effort was tireless and I know firsthand how his fervent leadership achieved real change.

“American politics would not have been the same without him and he will be sorely missed. My

thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kennedy family.”

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